

# AVOCA

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Correspondent

## Several Attend Club Convention

Those who attended the Women's club convention at Lincoln last week were Mrs. Paul Straub, Mrs. Roy Ruhge, Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. Fred Marquardt, Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. Robert Hallstrom, Mrs. Gus Neumeister, Mrs. Carl Tefft, Mrs. Caroline Marquardt, Mrs. Ernest Norris.

Mrs. Clara Love, San Francisco, California, visited here several days with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Ruhge. Joe Koeber, Jr., was an overnight patient at a Nebraska City hospital.

Mrs. Harold Dumke has been going up to see her brother, August Stohlmann, Sr., who is not very well.

Clyde Pummel hurt his knee while loading an animal in the truck last Monday. He is able to be around but it is in a cast. Friends and relatives helped Jess Gruber celebrate his birthday Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wolf were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wessel Monday.

## Ladies Aid Has Noon Luncheon

Ladies Aid met Thursday in the church parlors starting with a 12:30 covered dish luncheon with Mrs. Ernest Emshoff and Mrs. Dena Ruge, hostesses, who

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furnished dessert. Mrs. Elmer Hallstrom conducted the devotional period. Mrs. William Baer and Mrs. Allen Ehlers, Miss Gertrude Hanford, Mrs. Fred Meyer were guests for lunch. Miss Hanford showed colored slides of her trip to Puerto Rico in January.

Mrs. Albert Bose, Mrs. Gus Neumeister attended a 4-H leaders meeting at Papillion Friday. Lloyd Nelson entertained his class for his 12th birthday, April 13 for supper. Later in the evening attending were Mrs. Christine Solling, Miss Matilda Madson, Mrs. Henry Dankleff, Mrs. Hans Jensen, Mrs. Ernest Jensen and daughters.

## Harding Brown Dies in Idaho

Word was received of the death of Harding Brown, son of Harvey Brown, former resident of here, now of Boise, Idaho. They formerly lived on the Dr. Brendel farm and he attended Pine school. His sister, Mrs. Harold Oelkers lives in Lincoln.

Several from here attended the 25th wedding anniversary dance at Oteo for Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jacobsen Friday evening. Mrs. Alvin is the former Sophia Hillman.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lingle, Sr. Mr. and Mrs. John Lingle, Jr., and son helped Mrs. Sophia Lockman at Oteo celebrate her 85th birthday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvill Thomas, Shennandoah, Iowa, Mr. Bob Trook, Lincoln, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bogard Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Everet were in Lincoln Tuesday evening, where they helped Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bergastrosser observe their birthdays.

## Garden Club Meets Tuesday

The "green thumbs" garden club met with Mrs. Fred Brohoff Tuesday. Mrs. Joe Koeber gave a talk on "Flowers and Gardens" in foreign lands. New members were Mrs. Harry Brockhoff, Mrs. Allen Ehlers, Mrs. Harry Hauschild.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hallstrom spent several days visiting in Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Everman and family visited in Lincoln with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Phelps in observance of Mrs. Everman's birthday Sunday.

At the town election Tuesday for Town Board were Roy Ruhge, Robert Hallstrom; on the School Board were Mrs. Fred Marquardt and Robert Hallstrom.

## Fourteen Join Church Sunday

Rev. Joseph Aeschbaker received the following into membership Palm Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. John Lingle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruhge, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Behrns, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Freudenberg, William and Evelyn Freudenberg, Lynn Hoback and Richard Hoback, Roger Smith, Sally Carsten. Two members received the rites of baptism also.

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# Talk of the Town

Miss Joan Ault and friend, Miss Gwen Peterson of Omaha, are spending a 10-day vacation in Los Angeles, Calif., visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Straka of Omaha were here Monday evening visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Myers of Omaha, enroute on a vacation trip to Miami, Florida, visited Monday with J. M. Myers at the Masonic Home.

Mrs. Raymond Wooster and children of Omaha, have been spending a few days here as guests of her mother, Mrs. Frank Cloldt, and sister, Maxine.

Ed Bornemeier and Viola of Elmwood were shopping in Plattsmouth Wednesday.

## Board to Back July 2 Program

The regular monthly meeting of the Library board was held Monday evening. It was voted to have the 2nd of July again sponsored by the Library and Fire Department. The next meeting in May will be an important meeting and everybody president of an organization in the community, be present the 2nd Monday of the month.

Henry Moseman and John Emshoff made a business trip to Shennandoah, Iowa Tuesday. Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gunn were Miss Phyllis Gunn, Omaha; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bady, Peoria, Illinois; William Bady, Lincoln; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wellman and daughter, Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Kent Balfour and family, Nebraska; Mrs. Helen Peterson, Nebraska City; Marius Peterson, Nebraska.

Mrs. Fred Gunn visited with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Berner of Oteo last week.

William Kepler returned to his home last week after being at Clarkson hospital, Omaha, three weeks.

## SOUTHBEND Elinor Fidler

The Friendly Circle entertained a birthday party for Mrs. J. L. Carnicle Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jesse Fidler. Bingo was played after which a dainty lunch was served to 16 guests and 4 children present.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thiessen took Gordon to Omaha Friday morning where he left by plane for Oberlin, Md., to report for service duty.

Elinor Fidler, Janice and Jamie Dill were among the class in church membership who were confirmed during services Sunday at the First Congregational church in Ashland. A reception for the new members and a candlelight communion service is being held at the church Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Wiszmann and Terry, Jr., were Monday evening visitors at the Larry Carnicle home.

Mrs. Luella Backemeyer of Ashland and Mrs. Willis Richards of Havelock were Saturday evening callers of Mrs. Ella Carson.

Gary and Kent Davis of Lincoln are spending this week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Straight. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Straight of Omaha were week end guests.

Tuesday dinner guests at the Glen Thiessen home were Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hileman of Gretna. Miss Betty Lisle of Louisville was a Wednesday evening guest.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Grady of Greenwood and Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Gakemier of Murdock were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rosencrans and boys.

Mary Lou Carnicle returned home Monday after spending since Friday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Brien of Louisville.

Sharon Griening of Ashland was a Tuesday overnight guest of Elinor Fidler. Jackie Johnson was a Friday overnight guest of Elaine Fidler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Copsy of Omaha were Sunday dinner guests at the Bernard Dill home.

Mrs. Sadie Shrader and Jerold of Nebraska were Saturday evening visitors at the F. J. Knecht home.

Mrs. Vernon Ewing of Ashland was a Monday visitor at the Val Ewing home. Friday evening guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ewing and daughter of Ashland.

Verla Livers of Lincoln spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Livers. Mr. and Mrs. Keith Livers were Sunday dinner guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Campbell

Dick Beverage, student at Colgate University in Hamilton, New York, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beverage, for Easter vacation.

Tom Conis, student at the University of Nebraska, is home for Easter vacation, with his father, George Conis.

Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Nielson, Miss Florence Persinger and Miss Lillian Muncheau attended a Rebekah Lodge in Omaha, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mendina and Patricia Ann of Gander, Newfoundland, arrived Tuesday evening for a visit with Mrs. Sophia Wolever. Mr. Mendina is associated with Trans World Airlines in Gander and is a brother of Mrs. Wolever.

entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ray Preston and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Campbell of Elmwood Sunday afternoon and evening.

Sunday callers at Ella Carson's were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hegwood of Omaha. Mrs. Carson returned home with them for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Fidler and daughters were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fidler and sons of Wahoo. The dinner was in honor of Wm. Fidler's birthday.

Monday evening visitors at the Glen Thiessen home were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fosberg, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vandeman and Larry and Mrs. Olive Moffitt of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fuerrer of Yutan were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parrish and family. Afternoon visitors were Mrs. Margaret Parrish and Mrs. Thompson of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuhn of Louisville were Wednesday evening visitors at the Glen Kuhn home.

Bill Blum of Murdock was a Monday dinner guest at the J. L. Carnicle home. Mrs. Glen Thiessen was an afternoon caller.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dill were Sunday afternoon and evening guests at the Andy Peterson home in Omaha.

Mrs. Glen Thiessen received word from Mrs. George Trier of Beaumont, Calif., of the death of her husband, George Trier. He passed away at the hospital March 27th. They formerly lived here and Mr. Trier was the agent at the Burlington depot.

Mrs. Hugh Vargas and children of Springfield were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Dora Richards and family.

Mrs. Virgil Brown returned home Friday after a month's visit with her mother, Mrs. Geo. Crabtree at Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Bernard Dill and James, Mrs. Oscar Dill and Mrs. Paul Campbell were Saturday afternoon shoppers in Lincoln.

Mrs. Jim Wiszmann and Troy, Jr., and Bill Carnicle were Sunday evening and supper guests at the J. L. Carnicle home.

Mrs. Jerome Straight and Gary and Kent Davis were Saturday afternoon visitors of Mrs. Jess Fidler and girls.

Mrs. Myrtle Campbell of Omaha was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Thiessen. They were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Barney and Barbara at Lincoln.

## Capital News

LINCOLN—All attention was focused this week on the ongoing special session of the Legislature and on what it might do to unshackle the tax tangle.

The "burden of proof" was on the Legislature to do something concrete about the tax problem now that Gov. Robert Crosby had reluctantly called the senators back for an April 20 extra session.

The governor bowed to a strong demand for such a session by the Legislative Council Committee on Taxation. His decision came within five hours after the committee released the text of its resolution to the public.

Members of the nine man committee in two closed sessions with Crosby had urged him to call such a session.

They agreed with him that if tax reform is to come soon it will take some constitutional amendments to knock out certain restrictions. But they told him they didn't like his announced campaign to get these amendments on the ballot through an initiative petition effort.

One reason was that they feared that such a petition effort might get mixed in with politics if Crosby decided to run again. This might defeat the effort to get anything done about tax reform.

But observers felt that another reason was that if there is to be any credit gain for helping solve the tax question the legislators wanted in on it. After all, they are running for election in August and some are on the griddle as being "do nothings" about the tax situation. Some legislators, at least, didn't

want Crosby to get all the political glory.

Cross-Purpose? This political element led some to predict a stormy session. In announcing that he was calling the special session, Crosby said he was glad the taxation committee liked "my program."

This brought some private grumbling by legislators that whatever was passed would be their program and not Crosby's. But indications were that most of the Crosby proposals would be on the agenda.

There seemed general agreement between Crosby and the committee that there should be constitutional amendments for these purposes:

To allow the Legislature to provide for the appointment of county assessors instead of their election as at present.

To allow exemption of household goods from taxation.

To change the makeup of the State Board of Equalization, which is now composed of elected state officials.

But the committee said it had not considered a fourth Crosby proposal — a partial exemption of homesteads — and had its doubts about a fifth — knocking out the clause in the constitution which makes "uniform assessments" mandatory.

The governor has made a sixth proposal. This would place a limitation in the constitution so that if the Legislature ever passed a sales or income tax it would first have to be used to replace levying of that part of the property tax which supports state government.

Several senators in statements to the press said they had different proposals to make. All of this indicated that the special session wouldn't be a "tea party."

Governor's Restrictions Crosby, in announcing he would call a special session, said he would restrict it to "proposals for amendments to the constitution affecting revenue and taxation."

Despite this restriction, the governor immediately began receiving all sorts of requests by officials, citizens, and senators to include other matters in his call for the session.

In his announcement to call the session, the governor said he reserved the right to continue his initiative campaign if the Legislature fails.

He said he agreed to make the call because the Legislative Council Committee on Taxation had announced it would have proposals ready. Crosby said that before this there had been

no assurance that the committee would be ready before next August. But that would be too late for an initiative petition campaign, since these must be filed this year by July 3, he explained.

The governor warned that the Legislature might have its hands full with all sorts of pressure groups trying to get in their viewpoint in the all-important taxation curers.

Safety 'War' Cost Meanwhile, the Safety Patrol added airplane spotters and radar to its arsenal of weapons designed to slow down drivers on the highway and cut the death toll.

These steps are being taken in addition to relieving the Safety Patrol of extra duties so patrolmen can spend more time on the highways.

Although no one could tell for sure, there seemed some indications that the steep increase in highway deaths for the first months of the year now might be leveling off.

It developed this week that the safety war will cause a "loss" of \$480,000 in State Highway Department money which had been earmarked for road improvement.

That's because it will take \$240,000 in salaries for the 62 men who will man the state weighing stations and conduct driver's license examinations, relieving the Safety Patrol of these duties.

Not only is the \$240,000 lost but another \$240,000 in the federal matching money which might have been obtained goes out the window.

Added to the \$120,000 in increased salaries for maintenance employees, plus a similar amount in federal money, it can be seen that about \$800,000 in road improvement will be lost, all told.

State Engineer L. N. Ress said that the Department will be able to complete all the projects it had planned in the current two year building program. But the "lost" \$800,000 will cut into the proposed program of improving certain gravel roads by giving them a bituminous surface.

Extra-Curricular Activities Are Nebraska schools giving

too many extra-curricular activities to their students? State Supt. F. B. Decker thinks maybe some schools do. Anyway, he is calling a conference on April 26 to talk over the problem.

Much of the trouble comes in small high schools, Decker said. The same youngsters will participate in a great many activities, including athletics, music, debating, one-act plays, etc. Each of these is fine but when one youngster gets into too many it may be bad, Decker said.

POINT PICKS LEADER Oakland, Cal. Police broke up a juvenile auto-theft ring, which had stolen 44 cars in recent months. Members of the ring confessed that the member boasting the greatest number of thefts was declared the boss. A point system in accrediting car steals—one point for giving another member an assist. The gang was made up of seven youths from 13 to 15 years.

A classified Ad in The Journal costs as little as 50 cents

BED FALLS SAVES CHILD Great Falls, Mont. — Because Frances Jean Nelson, 12, fell out of her bed, she is alive today. Overcome by carbon monoxide while she slept, she tumbled from bed unconscious and her parents, attracted by the fall, rushed her to fresh air. A defective bathroom heater was blamed for the gas seepage.

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